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**Massachusetts Fire Training Council
Minutes of the December 6, 2017 Meeting**

Chairman Firefighter Paul Medeiros opened the meeting of the Massachusetts Fire Training Council at 11:10 am on December 6, 2017 at the Department of Fire Services with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members in attendance were: Chairman Paul Medeiros, Captain Andrew Connerty, Vice Chairman Captain Rick Tustin, Assistant Chief Kurt Ruchala, MFA Director Dave Evans, Robert Craig, Dave Celino, Chief Tim Nelson, and Assistant Chief Jonathan Miller.

Also present were: DFS Counsel Steven Rourke, Certification Coordinator Bob Rand, Newton Chief Bruce Proia, MFA Deputy Director Joseph Klucznik, Alex Belote, DCR, and Deputy State Fire Marshal Maribel Fournier.

Not present were: Undersecretary Patrick McMurray and Lieutenant Drew Piemonte.

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Captain Tustin made a motion, seconded by Assistant Chief Miller, to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2017 Training Council Meeting. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

B. Fiscal Affairs Report

Director Evans reported on the beginning and ending balances of the MFA Trust Fund dated October 22 through November 25, 2017. As we move further into the fiscal year, we will see more revenue built up.

**C. Update of Affiliated Members
Fire Chiefs' Association of Massachusetts**

- hief Nelson – nothing to report

Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts

- aul Medeiros – Firefighter of Year ceremony was excellent as a recipient and as a member of the executive board.

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Mass Call/Vol

- assistant Chief Miller – working on a small grant with National Volunteer group and the National Medical Corps group to train volunteers for fire ground rehab. A

Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors

- aptain Connerty – nothing to report C

Fire Prevention Association of Massachusetts

- aptain Tustin - registration for the next FPAM meeting will need to be done on our website. We will be presenting the New Code Orientation class during the meeting and you will also need to register through the new LMS. C

Insurance Industry (Citizen of the Commonwealth)

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Bureau of Forest Fire Control

- ave Celino introduced Alex Belote as the new program coordinator for the fire training program. He'll be focused on the volunteer fire assistance grant program and will provide more of a one-on-one relationship with DFS/MFA. There will be conversations on the national level to define incident management teams. D

Citizens of the Commonwealth

- ob Craig – nothing to report B

D. Legislative Update

- ounsel Steve Rourke – The Welding Commission held a meeting yesterday and the Marshal was in attendance. This is legislation filed in the wake of the deaths of the Boston firefighters. We've been working with the Board of Fire Prevention Regulations and the City of Boston increase regulations. Hopefully there will be legislation and/or best practices that will come out of this task force going forward. Nothing else is moving. C

E. DFS Update – Deputy Marshal Fournier

- apital funds have been delayed until after January. C
- he new Ladder 1 is on site and people have been trained. T
- tractor has been bought with AFG funds and contracts have been awarded for a SCBA maze and flashover trailer. A
- he revised fire code will be coming out in January. Trainings will be scheduled by the Fire Safety Division. T

- ur HazMat Response Division held a fetaynal summit. There has not been clear direction with first responders in the field when they come across an unknown white powder substance. Many agencies and interest groups were here to form a working group. O
- FS will be recognizing employees for their years of service and the pride in performance awards will be given out this afternoon. D
- ne DFS staff change: Matt Murray is taking Dave Beaudin's position in Fire Safety. O
- e received some homeland security funds for homemade explosive and post-blast training for 1st responders. The training will give people the tools they need to identify substances in a home. The training will begin in January through June. W

F. Academy Activities Report – Deputy Director Klucznik

- areer Recruit waitlist is 183; we're filling 266 beginning June 14 with 26 openings. We're currently filling S08 that begins on May 10; there are 23 openings. C
- he Academy statistics report was distributed. T
- lass S06 graduation is Thursday and Drew Piemonte will be representing the Training Council. Class 259 graduates Friday and Captain Tustin will represent the Training Council. C
- irst round interviews were completed this week for the Career Recruit Program Coordinator. Second round interviews will begin shortly and we hope to have someone in place soon after the 1st of the year. F
- e recently completed an FPO II with all 10 successfully completing the course. We now have 45 individuals credentialed to FPO II, and 361 credentialed to FPO I. W
- FG funds will purchase a SCBA maze for delivery by late February and the flashover prop should be delivered by the first week of April. A
- e're looking to submit an AFG application for a search & rescue building for Springfield campus. W
- ast week we brought on 49 instructor candidates and are now in the process of completing their audit time. L
- ,500 students have logged on to LMS. 6
- e have our second First Responders training scheduled for January in Turners Falls. W
- e are still reviewing all on line programs to ensure their content and formatting are aligned in the LMS. We hope to have them up and running shortly. W

G. Old Business

- adjunct Instructor Policy Update–Director Evans – no new information – in process of revamping instructor handout. A

H. New Business

- report from Certification Sub-committee – The Sub-committee made a motion to allow the Certification Dept. to grade the exam for the student in question. The Chairman is looking for the Council to support the decision of the Sub-Committee. Assistant Chief Miller made a motion, seconded by Captain Tustin, to support the recommendation of the Certification Sub-committee. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. R
- The Deputy Marshal asked the Council to consider meeting with the Fire Service Commission to hear a budget presentation by the Marshal. T

I. Policy Presentation/Policy P

- The Chairman reviewed the recommendations for policy updates presented by Certification Coordinator Bob Rand and was requesting support of the Council to approve the updates. Captain Tustin made a motion, seconded by Chief Nelson, recommending approval of the policy changes in support of the Certification Sub-committee recommendations. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. T

J. Review of Correspondence

- The Chairman reviewed correspondence appointing Jason Cardoso to the Training Council as Citizen of the Commonwealth. T
- Letter from the Chairman was sent to the Director of Barnstable County rejecting their request. A
- The Chairman reviewed correspondence appointing Newton Chief Bruce Proia to the Training Council as an affiliate member for the metro region. T

K. Determination of Next Date and Location

- The next meeting of the Training Council will be Wednesday, January 3, 2017 at 11:00 in the Boards & Commissions Room. T

L. Adjourn Meeting

- Director Evans made a motion, seconded by Captain Tustin, to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. D